

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-18, 20-71, 109-116, 171-184, 360-375, and 427-430 were pending.

New claims depending from allowable claims are added as described below.

All rejected claims have been cancelled or amended.

Allowable Claims

Claims 15, 18, 21, and 26 were identified as allowable if re-written in independent form. The present amendments place these claims in independent form. All dependent claims depend from one of these allowable claims, directly or indirectly, as follows:

Independent	Dependent
Claim 15	Claims 2-15, 17, 20, 23-25, 29-45, 47-71, 110-116, 171-184, 360-375, and 427-430
Claim 18	Claims 22, 431-517
Claim 21	Claims 518-616
Claim 26	Claims 27 and 28

New dependent claims 431-616 are similar to the subject matter of the initially pending claims, except that they depend from each of the new independent claims.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of the rejection, and allowance of pending claims 2-15, 17-18, 20-45, 47-71, 110-116, 171-184, 360-375, and 427-616 are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 05-1712, for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Respectfully,

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